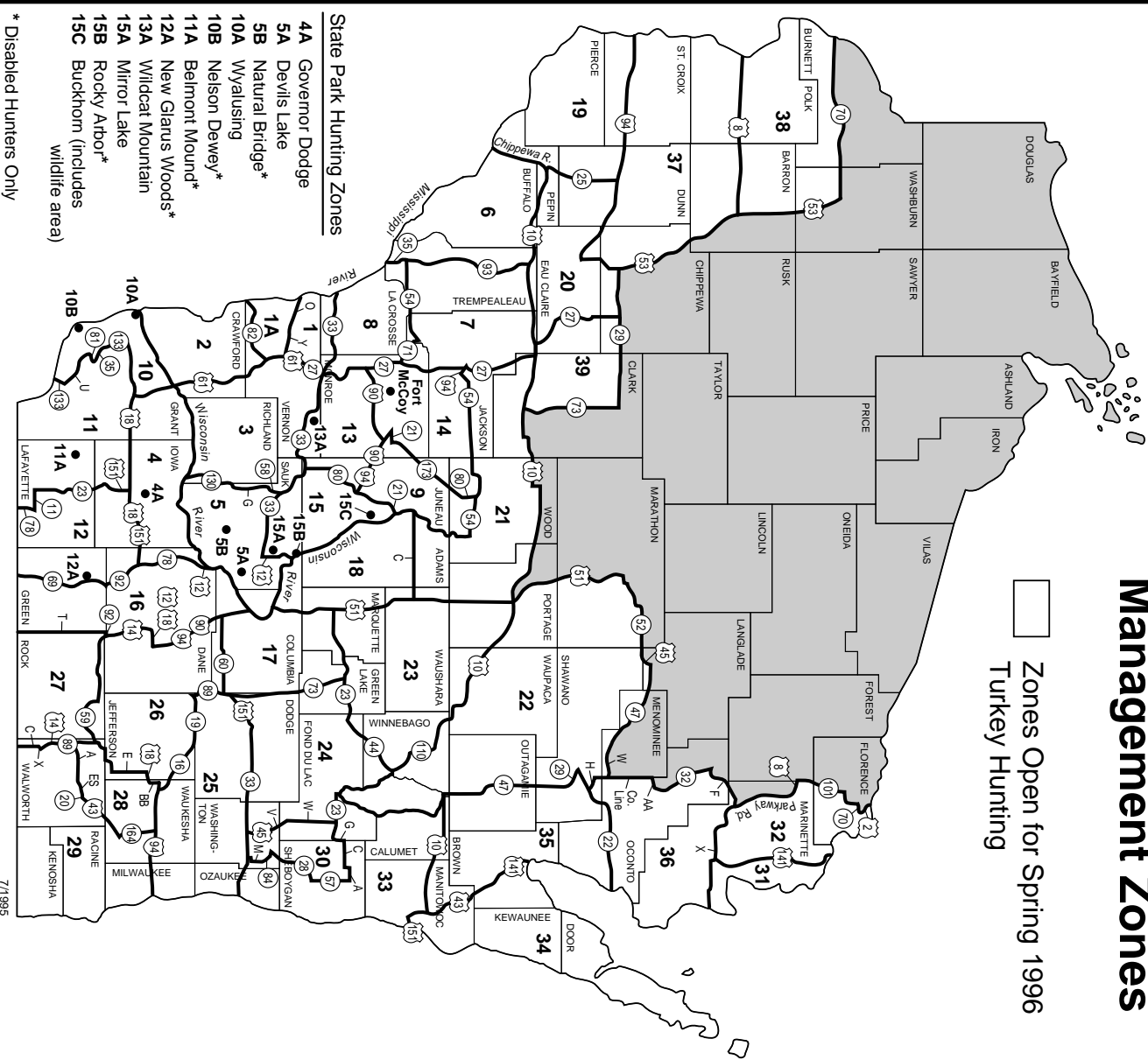


1996 Wild Turkey Management Zones

 Zones Open for Spring 1996 Turkey Hunting



- State Park Hunting Zones**
- 4A Governor Dodge
 - 5A Devils Lake
 - 5B Natural Bridge*
 - 10A Wyalusing
 - 10B Nelson Dewey*
 - 11A Belmont Mound*
 - 12A New Glarus Woods*
 - 13A Wildcat Mountain
 - 15A Mirror Lake
 - 15B Rocky Arbor*
 - 15C Buckhorn (includes wildlife area)
- * Disabled Hunters Only

Focus on Safety

Each year a few accidents occur because hunters fail to properly identify their target or are not aware of other hunters positioned beyond the turkey. Here are a few tips to help ensure that your hunt is a safe one:

- ◆ Be certain what you see or hear is a turkey—not a decoy or person.
- ◆ Do not wear red, blue or white—the color of a gobbler's head.
- ◆ Consider wearing blaze orange when moving from place to place.
- ◆ When another hunter approaches, never wave, stand or sound a turkey call; use your voice or whistle instead.
- ◆ Avoid stalking turkeys. Use decoys with caution.
- ◆ Select calling or ambush sites with your back to a tree at least as wide as your shoulders and where you can see at least 40 yards in all directions.
- ◆ Never assume you are the only hunter in the woods.
- ◆ Be certain no one is positioned beyond the turkey you are shooting at.
- ◆ Use a flashlight in the dark.

Prevent Crippling Losses

- ◆ Pattern your gun to know at what distances you have an effective pattern (at least 6 pellets in skull and neck vertebrae).
- ◆ Avoid shooting beyond 35 yards.
- ◆ Aim for the base of the featherless portion of the neck—not at the head.
- ◆ Never shoot at a flying turkey.
- ◆ Be prepared for a second shot if necessary.

Ask First and Say Thanks!

- ◆ The majority of land within Wisconsin's turkey management zones is privately owned. Wisconsin landowners appreciate sportsmen who ask permission to hunt and say thanks afterward. This builds important landowner-sportsman trust. Remember, entering private lands without permission is unlawful and creates a bad image for all hunters.
- ◆ All hunters are encouraged to scout their hunting territory well in advance of the season and obtain permission to hunt on private lands. Pre-season scouting correlates strongly with success in bagging turkeys in Wisconsin.

Spring 1996 Wisconsin Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations

*1996 Turkey Stamp design
by Arthur G. Anderson, Onalaska*



Hunter Selection System

- ◆ **Deadlines:** The application deadlines are August 10 for the fall, and December 10 for the spring hunting seasons. A \$3.00 application fee is required.
- ◆ **Landowner Preference:** Resident landowners owning 50 or more contiguous acres within an open wild turkey management zone are eligible for first preference. They may also transfer their first preference status to an immediate family member or resident farm operator (as defined on the application). Eligible landowner preference applicants, or transferees, have first priority for up to 30 percent of the tags within a zone.
- ◆ **One-Year Preference:** Resident applicants that applied for, but did not receive a 1995 spring hunter approval notice were given preference for the 1996 spring drawing. Spring and fall applications are tracked separately. Your preference record for spring hunting will not be used to determine your fall standing. Preference for remaining tags will go to resident, and finally, to nonresident applicants.
- ◆ **Second Tags:** Tags not issued during the first drawing are now issued to applicants in a second drawing. Only applicants that applied by December 10 qualify. The same applicant selection process used for issuing the first tags will be used for the second tags. Second tags are only available for undersubscribed zones and time periods.
- ◆ **Fort McCoy:** Applications for Fort McCoy spring turkey hunting permits may be obtained by writing to Fort McCoy no earlier than February 1 to: Directorate of Public Works: AFRC-FM-DEN (Permit Sales); 2160 South J. Street; Ft. McCoy, WI 54656-5162. *Note: You may **not** apply for a Fort McCoy spring turkey permit if you already received approval to hunt turkeys in a Wisconsin turkey hunting zone for the spring 1996 season.*

License Requirements

- ◆ All successful applicants, *except* senior citizen recreation card and conservation patron license holders, must purchase a Spring 1996 turkey hunting license to hunt turkeys with either a firearm or bow.
- ◆ Successful applicants are mailed a turkey hunting approval notice, registration stub and carcass tag indicating the zone and time period for which the hunter is authorized to hunt. **The approval notice *must* be shown to license vendors when purchasing a turkey hunting license.**

Turn over for Turkey Hunting Safety Tips

Turkey Stamp and Carcass Tag

- ◆ In addition to the license requirement, all turkey hunters, *except* senior citizen recreation card and conservation patron license holders, must purchase a turkey stamp. The stamp should be signed across the face in ink and must be either stapled or affixed to the hunter's license by the stamp's own adhesive.
- ◆ The 1996 turkey stamp is valid for both spring and fall 1996 turkey hunting. Stamp cost is \$5.25.
- ◆ A turkey hunting license, carcass tag, registration stub, and a turkey stamp must be in the possession of the hunter while hunting turkeys.
- ◆ It is illegal to transfer a license, carcass tag, or stamp, or allow their use by anyone else.

Assisting Other Hunters

- ◆ If you possess a firearm or bow *and*:
 - a) a turkey decoy or calling device, or
 - b) a member of your hunting party possesses a turkey decoy or calling device, *you must* possess a turkey hunting license, stamp and valid, unused carcass tag.
- ◆ No license is required to call turkeys for another hunter if the caller does not possess a firearm or bow. *However, a guide license is required if a fee is charged.*

Wild Turkey Management Zones

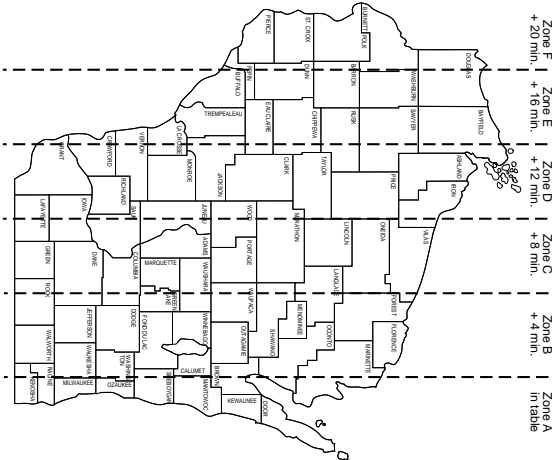
- ◆ You may only hunt in the zone(s) and time period(s) specified on your turkey hunting approval notice(s) and carcass tag(s). All established turkey zones are shown on the back page.
- ◆ Eleven state park zones are open to spring turkey hunting. All successful applicants for state park zones should contact the appropriate state park office regarding any closed areas within the park. Five state parks are open only to successful applicants with a Class A or Class C disabled permit: Natural Bridge, Nelson Dewey, Belmont Mound, New Glarus Woods and Rocky Arbor.

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Bag Limit

- ◆ The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey per tag issued. A bearded turkey is a turkey with a bristle-like appendage protruding from the upper part of the breast. **Note:** Applicants receiving 2 tags may harvest 2 turkeys on the same day *only if* both tags are for the same time period.

Hunting Time Zones



Registration

- ◆ Bring your tagged turkey and registration stub (attached to the carcass tag) to a designated registration station no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day it is killed. An additional registration tag will be attached to lawfully taken turkeys; keep this tag until the meat has been eaten.

Hunting Hours

- ◆ Spring turkey hunting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon each day. Wisconsin's hunting time zones are shown left.
- ◆ To determine the opening (a.m.) time for all zones except "A," add the minutes shown (see map) to the Zone-A time listed in the table. The closing time for all zones is 12:00 noon.

Season Dates & Opening Times for Zone A

① April 10 5:49 a.m.	③ April 24 5:26 a.m.	⑤ May 8 5:07 a.m.
April 11 5:47 a.m.	April 25 5:25 a.m.	May 9 5:06 a.m.
April 12 5:45 a.m.	April 26 5:23 a.m.	May 10 5:04 a.m.
April 13 5:44 a.m.	April 27 5:22 a.m.	May 11 5:03 a.m.
April 14 5:42 a.m.	April 28 5:20 a.m.	May 12 5:02 a.m.
② April 17 5:37 a.m.	④ May 1 5:16 a.m.	⑥ May 15 4:59 a.m.
April 18 5:36 a.m.	May 2 5:15 a.m.	May 16 4:58 a.m.
April 19 5:34 a.m.	May 3 5:13 a.m.	May 17 4:57 a.m.
April 20 5:32 a.m.	May 4 5:12 a.m.	May 18 4:56 a.m.
April 21 5:31 a.m.	May 5 5:11 a.m.	May 19 4:55 a.m.

Turkey Hunter Education

- ◆ Learn turkey biology and behavior, turkey hunting methods, regulations, safety precautions and landowner-hunter ethics at free turkey hunting education clinics to be held at several locations in February and March. All permit holders and interested persons are encouraged to attend. The clinics are offered by the DNR with the cooperation of the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

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